

Assassination Plot in Ireland? J.F.K.'s '63 Tour Examined

Sometimes you hear an amazing bit of news that is not strictly Hollywood gossip but is so startling that you must pass it on.

Like something Patrick, the 5th Earl of Lichfield, dropped casually in a conversation at the Ristro the other day when I had lunch with him. The Queen's cousin and favorite photographer was in town for a few days with an exhibit of his work.

Checking further, I found out that Dominic Galvin, a 44-year-old former dock worker from Cork in the Irish Republic, claims that John F. Kennedy almost was assassinated during the late president's Irish tour in June 1963.

Galvin has made his allegations to Britain's ACT, the Assassination Committee for the Truth, and the London Sunday Mirror, one of the world's largest newspapers. Both are investigating.

The alleged Irish plot was led by Alvarez Rodriguez, a

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Cuban army officer, according to Galvin. His 14-year silence gains new emphasis in light of recent CIA investigations by congressional committees.

The Irishman said he first knew Rodriguez when the latter was a ship's officer. Galvin said he met him again in Cork in 1963 and was told then of the assassination plot but the murder attempt was suddenly cancelled.

To add further intrigue, Galvin says the Cuban squad was ordered to Dallas and that Rodriguez later was murdered himself.

So far Galvin has not stated why he kept quiet so long.

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